

REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed September 9, 2004, the Examiner noted that claims 1-21 were pending, objected to claims 5-8, 11-13 and 20 and rejected claims 1-4, 9, 10, 14-19 and 21.

Claims 1-9, 14-16 and 21-31 were allowed in the parent application, which issued as U.S. Patent Application No. 6,584,563, with these claims were renumbered as claims 1-24 in that Patent. Also, page 2 of the Application Transmittal, in a Preliminary Amendment, claims 1-9 and 11-20 were canceled. Claims 10 and 21 have been amended, and, thus, in view of the forgoing claims 10 and 21 remain pending for reconsideration which is requested. The Examiner is requested to confirm the status of the claims as noted above.

No new matter has been added. The Examiner's rejections and objections are traversed below.

On page 2, the Examiner objected to claims 4, 6, and 11-15. This objection is moot in view of the current status of the claims.

On page 3 the Examiner rejected claim 21 under 35 USC section 101. Claim 21 has been amended and it is submitted it satisfies the requirements of the statute.

On page 4 and the Examiner rejected claims 14 and 15. This rejection is moot in view of the current status of the claims.

On pages 4 and 5 the Examiner rejected claim 10 for non-statutory double patenting over US Patent 6,584,563. A Terminal Disclaimer is enclosed herewith and withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

On page 5 the Examiner rejected claim 1-4, 9 and 16. This rejection is moot in view of the current status of the claims.

On page 14 the Examiner acknowledged that Marshal does not teach or suggest a key storage. Marshal also does not teach or suggest a key retrieving part.

It is submitted that the claims satisfy the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 101. It is further submitted that the claims are not taught, disclosed or suggested by the prior art. The claims are therefore in a condition suitable for allowance. An early Notice of Allowance is requested.

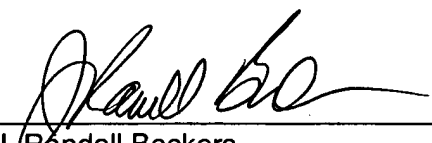
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If any further fees, other than and except for the issue fee, are necessary with respect to this paper, the U.S.P.T.O. is requested to obtain the same from deposit account number 19-3935.

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